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## HEADQUARTERS

### REAL ESTATE

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### DEATH OF JERE BLACK

Jeremiah S. Black, who died at York Pa., Sunday, although he had not held a political office in 23 years, and had during all that period been in opposition, was nevertheless one of the most conspicuous figures in the country to the day of his death. Educated in a political school, whose principles have been cast down and trampled under foot by the inexorable march of events, he adhered nevertheless to those principles through good and evil report with a tenacity and a fidelity which recalled the best times and best men of American politics. It was not the democratic party to which Black paid such devoted service, but the democratic principles which the party long ago abandoned - the principles of Thomas Jefferson whose application in the beginning of the century saved democratic-republican institutions in America and prevented the country from drifting into the hands of an aristocratic oligarchy and possibly into the hands of a monarchy.

Black was a democrat in the best and ancient sense of the word, and applying the principle of individual equality to social entities, he believed that communities as well as individuals should govern themselves. The doctrine of secession was an absurd and licentious extension of this principle, as humorous and as illogical as that of the criminal who secedes from all social restraints and repudiates all social responsibilities. Black was too hard-headed a thinker to run any principle into the ground in that fashion, and he acquiesced in the separatist tendencies of the south vigorously as he did the centralizing tendencies of northern statesmen. A crisis came in which nothing but a vigorous stretch of the central power could preserve the existence, and in that crisis philosophers of the Jefferson school like Black, found themselves left alone and impotent between two warring elements which had no time for the discussion of nice points of political philosophy. Such men as Black, however, have served a useful purpose in this country. They have served as a conspicuous and permanent mark of the point from which both sections of the country departed so widely in different directions, and their constant warnings have undoubtedly done much to draw both sides back from the extremes they reached toward that happy and reasonable median line of state autonomy, which in this country is so admirably suited for times of peace and domestic harmony.

But it was not Black's principles alone that made him so conspicuous. Had he thrown himself into the Republican party - as Stanton and the Cameron and thousands of other democrats did - his genius would have won him a foremost place, for it is doubtful if the country ever produced a keener debater, or a statesman more familiar with the history of the country and with all its political traditions. He was born in 1810, was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar 35 years ago, and was chief justice of that State as long ago as 1851. His preeminence at the bar and in the politics of Pennsylvania led President Buchanan to appoint him attorney general in 1857, and when Cass in December, 1869, retired he succeeded the latter as Secretary of State.

It is pretty clear now that Black was largely responsible for that singular policy of Buchanan's, founded upon a strict and severely logical interpretation of the constitution, which was unfitted for the crisis - only because the constitution itself was unfitted for it. The disappearance of Buchanan and Black and their policy, marked as sharp a constitutional revolution as did the disappearance of the federal party in the beginning of the century. The constitution of Jefferson and Madison disappeared; the constitution of Hamilton and the Adams was again put into working order. The words were the same, but there was still a vast difference between the two. Both had their uses, and each, carried too far, degenerated, the one into anarchy and disintegration, the other into the

substance of despotism. The principles of Jere Black and the political school to which he belonged are not dead. The federal doctrine have been vigorously applied for nearly a quarter of a century. The power they concentrated in the central government was absolutely necessary to the existence of the Union for a time. They have carried us over a vast space in the progress of the country, and, like all other human devices, they appear to have survived their usefulness. The power they give has for several years been used chiefly for mischief, and the times are ripe for another change, which apparently is to be a return to the principles of Jefferson, which shall again restore to the States many of the functions which the federal government found necessary for its own use in the ideal of war and reconstruction.

We are now enjoying great prosperity, unwarmed peace, a perfect Union, no enemy, foreign or domestic, threatens us. In this condition of things, the worst our government does the better. The only thing government can now do is to tax us, and the only return it can make for the taxes, is to rob us in an extravagant and useless of fiscal list, or distribute them in so-called benefits among those who "take them." Benefits which can never equal what they cost. It is time, therefore, for the restoration of the principles of Jere Black, and everything looks as if that were going to happen. - Detroit Evening News.

### OTSEGO & CRAWFORD CO. S. & S. REUNION ENCAMPMENT

TO BE HELD AT GRAYLING, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4-5.

Membership, 50 cents; yearly dues, 25 cents. Attended soldiers and sailors of the war of the Rebellion, with their families, are invited to attend.

### PROGRAMME

EXERCISES FIRST DAY:

Guard Mount, 11:30 a. m.

Roll Call, 12 m.

Dinner Call, 1:30 p. m.

Prayer by Chaplain, Rev. A. Van Auker.

Music, Auld Lang Syne.

Address of Welcome by President.

Music - song - Hail to the Chief.

Annual Address by Rev. John R. Savage.

Song, Rally Round the Flag.

Glee Club and Comrades of the Union.

Parade and Roll Call, 5 p. m.

Supper Call, 6 p. m.

Retreat, Roll Call, Evening Gath. 7 p. m.

(Grand entertainment by the Ladies G. A. R. Auxiliary Society, at Livingston Town Hall, on the evening of the opening day, of which a separate programme will be made.)

Taps (lights out), 10 p. m.

SECOND DAY:

Reveille, Roll Call, (morning gun) sunrise.

Breakfast Call, 8 a. m.

Sick Call, 9 a. m.

Guard Mount, 9:30 a. m.

Election of officers for ensuing year.

10:30 a. m.

Camp-fire Songs and Stories from 10:30 to 12 m.

Dinner Call, basket picnic for comrades and their friends 1 p. m.

Prayer by Chaplain, 2 p. m.

Music, America.

TOASTS AND RESPONSES.

1. "The Old Soldier," response by Rev. J. R. Savage.

2. "The Flag of our Union," A. M. Beebe.

3. "The Star Spangled Banner," Song.

4. "Our Union, One and Inseparable," John G. Berry.

5. "The Old Centinel," A. M. Hill.

6. "The Old Centinel," music.

7. "Michigan in the War," G. H. Smith.

8. "Michigan, My Michigan," song.

9. "The Prison Pen," Rev. Wm. Putnam.

10. "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," song.

11. "The Engineers and Mechanics in the Army," G. C. Mitchell.

12. "Our Government Paupers," J. S. Andrews.

13. "The Widows and Orphans of our Dead Comrades," Rev. A. Van Auker.

14. "Who Will Cure for Mother Now?" song.

15. "Our Fallen Comrades," A. J. Rose.

16. "The Press," Hon. O. Palmer.

17. "The Ladies," J. N. Ford.

18. "The Broom Brigade," A. J. Taylor.

19. "The Captain With His Whiskers," song.

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